

Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election, which is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Corporate media is no different than Corporate America, and it is blatantly pro-Bush and is using its position in the media to specifically run a smear campaign, just weeks before the election, of John Kerry. If they run this type of program, they should offer an alternative program, such as Fahrenheit 911, to counter-balance. But they are not interested in running balanced and fair programming because they are blatantly pro-Bush and are using their position as a media corporation/conglomerate, to unfairly support Bush.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.